



PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial to hire Executive Director

Date: February 14, 2013

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the official non-profit supporting partner of the National Park Service, is seeking its first Executive Director. This individual will lead the next phase of the Friends' growth and assist the National Park Service in honoring and sharing the legacy of the passengers and crew of Flight 93.

Since incorporating in 2009, the Friends have attracted members from across the nation. The Friends have successfully competed for grants, provided volunteers for many park projects, and sponsored educational forums on September 11<sup>th</sup> topics. The Friends help promote the Memorial through distribution of an orientation DVD and rack cards, speaking engagements, and a quarterly newsletter. Members work with the National Park Service and the Families of Flight 93 in planning the September 11 commemorative services, and have sponsored a reception for returning family members each year since 2010. When the Memorial was dedicated in 2011, the Friends produced a display of 2,977 luminarias remembering all those who were lost in the September 11 attacks. In 2012, the Friends organized a procession of forty lighted candle lanterns to the memorial's Wall of Names. The Friends have raised funds for the Memorial by flying flags over the site which are made available to campaign donors.

The Friends are ramping up their organizational capacity in order to take on a larger role in fundraising to support future programming and stewardship needs at the park. When the visitor center and learning center open in 2015, the Friends will have even more opportunities to help the National Park Service present educational programming and engage communities and visitors in supporting the park.

The new Executive Director will work closely with the twelve-person Board of Directors elected by the Friends membership, with the staff of Flight 93 National Memorial, and with representatives of the National Park Foundation who have managed the fundraising campaign.

The successful candidate for this position will be a person with proven experience in non-profit fundraising, and the ability to communicate and work collaboratively with partners and the public. According to the Friends President, Lladel Lichty, "We're looking for someone with a passionate commitment to Flight 93 National Memorial and someone who is a strategic thinker, but also able to handle the day-to-day demands of our growing organization. It's a full-time position based in Somerset County, but with a national scope. The search for candidates for the position is being handled by an executive search firm, HMK Associates, Inc.

To learn more about the position email [hmk@hmkassociates.com](mailto:hmk@hmkassociates.com) or use this link to apply:

<http://hmkassociates.theresumator.com/apply/Rfz66d/Executive-Director-Friends-Of-Flight-93-National-Memorial.html?source=pr>

P.O. Box 911 Shanksville, PA 15560

(814) 893-6322, ext. 4